



CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A socket contact ~~{consisting of a backup}~~ **[comprising a base]** spring and a ~~{base}~~ **[discrete backup]** spring, said backup spring enclosing the base spring in box-like manner with a first wall, a second wall, a third wall, and divided fourth wall, and with at least two connecting lugs being formed on one wall section for connecting the wall sections of the divided fourth wall to each other in positive manner, said connecting lugs being arranged in the front and rear portions of the wall section as seen in the direction of insertion of the socket contact, the other wall section is formed with a recess for each connecting lug and said connecting lugs are passed through the recesses and bent over, and the two wall sections overlap over the full length of the backup spring.

11. (Currently Amended) A socket contact ~~{consisting of a backup}~~ **[comprising a base]** spring and a ~~{base}~~ **[discrete backup]** spring, said backup spring **[consisting of a different metal than said base spring and]** enclosing the base spring in box-like manner with a first wall, a second wall, a third wall, and a divided fourth wall comprised of overlapping wall portions, and with at least two connecting lugs being formed on one of said overlapping wall portions and complementary recesses being formed in said other overlapping wall portion, said connecting lugs being passed through the recesses and bent over for connecting the wall sections of the divided fourth wall to each other in positive manner, said connecting lugs being arranged in the front and rear portions of the wall section as seen in the direction of insertion of the socket contact.

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